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DEPARTMENT FOR EAGLEBURGER, ROGERS AND ARA;
QUITO FOR AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ECUADOR

1. SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO ECUADOREAN WITHDRAWAL OF INVITATION TO VISIT QUITO: "THE UNITED STATES AND ECUADOR HAVE BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS LOOKING TOWARD ARRANGING A VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO QUITO DURING A POSSIBLE TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN SANTIAGO. HOWEVER, DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR ATTEMPTED TO SET CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO AGREEING TO A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. SINCE THE PURPOSE OF A VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO QUITO WOULD BE, AT LEAST IN PART, TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WE COULD NOT AGREE THAT THESE ISSUES HAD TO BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO THE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY. CONSEQUENTLY THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS DECIDED THAT HE WILL NOT VISIT QUITO AT THIS TIME."

2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT: SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE ROGERS' COMMENTS ON ECUADOREAN WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANCELLATION AND THE EFFECTS THEREOF. IN PARTICULAR HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ECUADOREAN ACTION MAY TRIGGER SIMILAR MEXICAN ACTION. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE WISE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER STOP, ONE
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RELATED CONSIDERATION IS WHETHER OUR AIRCRAFT CAN MAKE IT

NONSTOP FROM WASHINGTON TO SANTIAGO, AND WHAT COMPLICATIONS
WOULD PRESENT THEMSELVES IN ANY POTENTIAL REFUELING STOP.
(S/S-EX CAN HELP WITH THE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS.) SECRETARY
WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

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